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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR PFOR BA QA US

SUBJ: BAHRAINI REQUEST FOR LCVPS

REF: STATE 22972, MANAMA 0049

1. APPRECIATE DEPT'S SENSITIVITY TO POSSIBLE OPATARI SENSITIVITY
RE U.S. AGREEMENT TO SELL LCVPS TO BAHRAIN DEFENSE FORCE WITH
POTENTIAL FOR ENTANGLEMENT OF U.S. IN HWAR ISLAND DISPUTE.

2. WE SUPPOSE THAT THERE COULD BE SOME GOQ HEARTBURN OVER OUR
AGREEING TO PROVIDE NAVAL CRAFT WITH AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT CAP-
ABILITY TO GOB. THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE BETTER IF WE COULD OFFER
LESS LETHAL-SOUNDING CRAFT WHICH MEETS BDF'S REQUIREMENTS,
AND THIS APPEARS IN LINE WITH AMB TWINAM'S
REQUEST FOR SUGGESTIONS OF ALTERNATIVES TO LCVPS.

3. BASICALLY IT SHOULD NOT CREATE PROBLEM IN US-GOQ RELATIONS
SHOULD WE RESPOND FAVORABLY TO BAHRAINI REQUEST IF WE INFORM
QATARIS IN TIMELY FASHION ABOUT SALE AND THAT SUCH EQUIPMENT
WOULD ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO THEM ON REQUEST.
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